Reading Rooms are being aided by the Government and what is the population of Kunnamkulam village from which the Government had received requests for Reading Room grant;

(c) how many Reading Rooms are being aided by the Government and in what villages they are located?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) A copy of the rules governing the grant to Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*) The funds at the disposal of Government, the conditions of the Library that applies for grant, the extent of its use by the public, etc., are taken into consideration.

(b) The population of the village is only one of the grounds. All available information regarding population of villages can be found in *the Census Report.*

(c) Nine. 1. Ernakulam Town, 2. Cranganur, 3. Irinjalakkuda Town, 4. Kattur, 5. Trichur Town English Library, 6. Trichur Town Malayalam Library, 7. Ayilur, 8. Chittur, 9. Trippunittura Princes' Library.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government consider the question of creating a Reading Room in Kunnamkulam?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There was an application, and the question has been considered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has it been disposed of; and, if so, how?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It has been disposed of.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government did not think there was sufficient justification for having a library there.

Malayalam Shorthand.

34. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

whether Malayalam Shorthand is introduced in the Commercial Schools in the State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Has the Government any objection for introducing Malayalam Shorthand in schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have no objection. They are making the necessary enquiries.

Women teachers.

35. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of acting women teachers who are thrown out of employment at the end of the school year (1102)?

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Mr. C. Matthai :—Forty-three temporary women teachers had to be thrown out during the vacation owing to the return of the permanent incumbents after training or leave. But they have all been re-entertained with the exception of 2 History Graduate ladies and 5 unpassed teachers.

Removal of male teachers from Girls' Schools.

36. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to remove all male teachers from Girls' Schools in the State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It has long been the accepted policy of Government to appoint qualified women teachers in all Girls' Schools, and it is being steadily carried out, as far as existing conditions permit.

The Music Mistress of the Velur Church Primary School.

37. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for suspending the Music Mistress of Velur Church Primary School in 1102, Srimati K. Lakshmi by name?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The suspension of the Music Mistress was one of the results of the capricious behaviour of the previous Manager of the Velur Lower Secondary School.

Catholic School Managers' Association.

38. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have obtained any information regarding the 5th annual meeting of the Catholic School Managers' Association held at Chalakkudi on 12th May 1927;

2. will they be pleased to state whether they have received the resolutions passed in that meeting and taken any action on the same; if not, will they be pleased to state whether there is any special reason for not taking any action?

Mr. C. Matthai.—1. Yes.

2. Government have received a copy, and necessary action has been taken.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—"Government have received a copy, and necessary action has been taken" is the answer given. May I know what is the action that has been taken?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There were certain resolutions communicated to the Government, and what they thought necessary has been done. For instance, I remember that we wanted further information from the Secretary himself, and the Secretary has been addressed, and there was another question relating to finance; and that is being considered by the Special Finance Committee.

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